

**ITS BANQUET CASH FOR THE POOR.****The Hamilton Club Decides to Omit Its Annual Gustatory Event.**

The Hamilton club will have no annual banquet this year. The money usually expended for this purpose will be devoted to charity. Ex-Speaker Thomas B. Reed is the man to whom the credit for this is really due. The banquet was set for Jan. 11, and he was invited to be the guest of honor. In discussing the matter with Congressman J. Frank Aldrich he suggested whether, in the midst of so much destitution, want, and suffering, this was just the time for banquets. The Banquet committee, struck with the force of this suggestion, has recommended to the Board of Directors of the club that the annual banquet for this year be dispensed with, and that members be requested to subscribe to a fund for charitable relief such sums as they would otherwise have expended on the banquet, or such larger sums as their means and inclination may suggest.

Last night the committee issued an address to members reciting the above facts, and concluding:

This recommendation has received the approval of the board, and the Treasurer is now ready to receive the amount of your subscription. The committee asks your prompt and generous assistance in carrying out this plan. The club expended for last banquet \$1,500. If only a fraction of this sum shall be expended by the club this year, not in selfish personal enjoyment, but in charitable relief of the suffering poor, it cannot be doubted that the expenditure will be more creditable to the club, as well as productive of more substantial good, than was the outlay of a year ago. The funds realized will be distributed to the various charities by the directors.

**JEWELERS TO HELP THE DESTITUTE.****Members of the Chicago Association Call a Meeting to Outline Plans.**

Friday afternoon the Chicago Jewelers' Association will meet at its rooms in the Columbus Memorial Building to decide what part shall be taken by it in the work of relief of the unemployed and destitute in the city. The matter was discussed informally yesterday. It was left in the hands of a committee of five—A. L. Sercomb, Julius Schniering, L. W. Flershem, F. A. Hardy, and Max Ellbogen—who were directed to issue a call to the trade, inviting a general attendance at the Friday afternoon meeting. It is also expected that the committee will formulate a plan for the association's participation in the charitable work which will be presented for consideration at the meeting. Some time ago the association decided not to give its annual banquet this season. The decision was not acceptable to many of the members, and at yesterday's meeting an attempt was made to rescind the former action and hold the banquet as usual. It failed. The reason given for not holding the banquet was that as many of the firms were reducing wages and discharging help because of the dull times and in view of the destitution prevailing in the city it would not be advisable to hold a banquet and pay \$10 or \$12 a plate for it.

**TO HELP UNEMPLOYED SHOP GIRLS.****Mass-Meeting on the West Side Appoints a Committee.**

What can be done to aid the shop girls and young women clerks who have been thrown out of employment within the last few days was discussed at a mass-meeting of women held last night at the Fourth Baptist Church, Monroe street and Ashland avenue. Mrs. Dr. Hutchins, President of the West Side W. C. T. U., presided, and the speakers were L. T. O'Brien, President of the Retail Clerks' Association; Mrs. Florence Kelley, State Factory Inspector; ex-Judge Richard Frendergast, Mrs. L. H. Rounds, President of the State W. C. T. U., and Dr. Withrow, pastor of the Third Presbyterian Church. Among the practical suggestions was that efforts be made to close stores at 6 p. m. during the next three months. A committee was appointed, consisting of Mrs. Dr. Withrow, Mrs. L. H. Rounds, and Mrs. Jones to represent the meeting at a conference to be held this afternoon at Room 29 Athenæum Building of those interested in this particular branch of the relief movement.

**TO HELP NEEDY SCHOOL CHILDREN.****Three Donations That Will Give Much Comfort to the Little Unfortunates.**

The Work-Basket Society, composed of twenty-one Jewish girls, ranging from 13 to 16 years of age, through Mrs. Henry Solomon, has sent a check for \$100 to the School Children's Aid Society. This is part of the money raised by these little girls at their bazaar, where they sold the work done by their society. The School Children's Aid Society has received a great package containing hats, caps, shoes, and clothing for boys, eighty-six articles in all, from the Jewish wholesale merchants of the city sent to Mrs. Max Leopold for the needy children of Chicago.

The advent of the new year was signaled at the residence of Mrs. Max Hamburger, No. 5134 Woodlawn avenue, by a largely attended entertainment, at which \$100 was realized for the School Children's Aid Society. The participants in the program were: Mrs. Charles Mallvey, Miss Levi, Miss Mercer, Miss Frank, M. Adler, Miss Virginia Moses, Claudine Hamburger, Mr. A. J. Mills, Miss Edna Kimball, and Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Wile.

**To Help Women Stenographers.**

At the regular monthly meeting of the National Association of Women Stenographers, No. 184 Dearborn street, last night, resolutions to cooperate with the societies and organizations extending assistance to the destitute unemployed of Chicago were adopted. Immediate measures will be taken to obtain money to carry out their charitable plans and it is the desire of the association to be able to relieve all the unemployed women stenographers now in the city. Business-men will be appealed to for help. Committees were appointed to make a canvass of the offices and business places to ascertain where work may be obtained. An examining committee of ten was appointed, whose duty it will be to seek out the worthy stenographers out of employment and refer them to the association for help. Between the hours of 12 and 1 o'clock each day two of the committee will remain in the rooms of the association, No. 184 Dearborn street, to receive the applications for assistance.

**Aid for Unemployed Saleswomen.**

The committee called for by the resolution passed at the Sunday afternoon mass-meeting in the interest of unemployed saleswomen has been announced as follows: Judge L. C. Collins, Judge R. S. Tuthill, Ald. John McGillen, Ald. John Hepburn, the Rev. Dr. Thomas Bishop Samuel W. Fallows, the Rev. O. P. Gifford, Mr. E. S. Dreyer, George E. Adams, Willis Jackson, L. D. O'Brien, Mrs. Potter Palmer, Miss Jane Adams, Mrs. William J. Chalmers, Mrs. John W. Elna, Dr. Sarah Hackett Stevenson, Mrs. S. E. Gross, Mrs. Mary H. Wilmarth, Mrs. Homer S. Taylor, Mrs. John C. Coonloy, and Miss Ada Sweet. The committee will meet at the Palmer House Saturday.

**Church That Houses the Poor.**

The Halsted Street Church, Nos. 778 to 784 South Halsted street, the Rev. D. J. Holmes, D. D., pastor, is, it is believed, the only church in the city which has opened its own building to the homeless wanderers. Within the last few weeks it has lodged and fed 900 of these unfortunates, the only condition imposed being that the beneficiary should be willing to work on the streets. A kindergarten and industrial school are also maintained by the church. The kindergarten has 109 pupils and the industrial school 200. The Advisory Board of the schools is G. F. Swift, E. G. Keith, N. W. Harris, W. A. Fuller, J. B. Hobbs, Porley Lowe, T. Wilce, and C. K. Troy.

**What Can the Dentists Do?**

Members of the Chicago Dental Society discussed the question of relief for the unemployed at its meeting last night at No. 10 Van Buren street. Dr. E. D. Swain was made Chairman of a committee of five which will confer with the Central Relief Association with a view to seeing what the dentists of the city can do in aiding the needy.

**Northern Pacific Employe Hearing.**

ST. PAUL, Minn., Jan. 2.—The firemen of the Northern Pacific railway were given a hearing today by General Superintendent Kimberly and General Manager Kendrick. The men presented first a written and then oral statement. The conductors, trainmen, and operators will follow in order. It is not expected a decision will be reached this week.